

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:152
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2017
PCPNDT Act
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is aware that the sex ratio in the country has not changed despite the implementation of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 (PCPNDT) and the rules framed thereunder;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether PCPNDT Act has made it extremely difficult for ultrasound clinics to ensure complete enforcement and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the doctors are facing challenges while performing routine and essential scans and as a result, many qualified doctors choose to not conduct prenatal diagnostic scans, thus creating a shortage of experts trained in ultrasonography and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Act/rules have caused inconvenience to the doctors as they are penalised for minor offences such as clerical errors in the filling of forms, thereby resulting in them being prosecuted and ultrasound machines being seized and sealed and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b): As per Census 2011, the sex ratio improved from 933 in 2001 to 943 in 2011. State-wise details are at Annexure.

(c) to (e): The Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 has not made it extremely difficult for the ultrasound/diagnostic centers to perform routine and essential scans.